

04-160 Department of Agriculture and Forestry

Agency Description

The mission of the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry is to administer the laws, rules and regulations of the state regarding the growing, harvesting, processing, storing and sale of forest, crop and livestock commodities.

These laws, rules and regulations are to ensure that foods are prepared in sanitary processing facilities and are safe to eat, that the state's food manufacturing sector receives the full benefit of the agency's marketing expertise, that the state's soil and water resources are protected to ensure the optimum growth and yield of crops and forests, that the state's forests are protected from harmful diseases and fires, and that Louisiana livestock receives the best in veterinary care.

The department also works with other state, regional, national and international sectors of business and government in fulfillment of its goal to provide general oversight services and administrative assistance in the conduct of the affairs of rural Louisiana.

1. Foster efficiency by maintain effectiveness and low administrative costs by ensuring the success of all other departmental programs.
2. Create and sustain markets and affect jobs through its development of value-added food, agriculture and forestry products industries by way of financial assistance and counsel.
3. Assure that feed, fertilizer, horticultural products, pesticides and seeds meet quality standards.
4. Maintain a safe and healthy food supply for the people of Louisiana, while simultaneously protecting and safeguarding the producers of these products.
5. Provide regulatory services to ensure consumer protection for Louisiana producers and consumers.
6. Ensure the sustained high level of production of wood fiber while enhancing the recreational, wildlife habitat, watershed protection, and air quality values of forest lands.
7. Bring to the people of Louisiana the best technical assistance possible in order to protect and enhance the state's soil and water resources. Continually evaluate policy, procedure and programs to ensure maintenance and development of best possible management practices.

AGENCY BUDGET SUMMARY

	ACTUAL 2001-2002	ACT 13 2002-2003	EXISTING 2002-2003	CONTINUATION 2003-2004	RECOMMENDED 2003-2004	RECOMMENDED OVER/(UNDER) EXISTING
MEANS OF FINANCING:						
STATE GENERAL FUND (Direct)	\$32,535,058	\$29,224,944	\$29,224,944	\$29,790,968	\$21,535,062	(\$7,689,882)
STATE GENERAL FUND BY:						
Interagency Transfers	578,188	774,664	774,664	774,664	774,664	0
Fees & Self-gen. Revenues	8,998,944	11,866,795	11,866,795	11,880,602	12,103,335	236,540
Statutory Dedications	29,822,725	58,348,168	60,694,068	57,564,162	56,340,428	(4,353,640)
Interim Emergency Board	0	0	0	0	0	0
FEDERAL FUNDS	8,230,931	7,311,103	8,311,103	8,781,603	8,017,502	(293,601)
TOTAL MEANS OF FINANCING	\$80,165,846	\$107,525,674	\$110,871,574	\$108,791,999	\$98,770,991	(\$12,100,583)
EXPENDITURES & REQUEST:						
Management and Finance	15,443,295	15,572,350	15,572,350	15,624,126	12,538,898	(3,033,452)
Marketing	3,479,087	2,774,134	2,774,134	2,658,417	1,660,163	(1,113,971)
Agricultural and Environmental Sciences	25,420,859	52,003,526	54,349,426	52,008,090	51,619,821	(2,729,605)
Animal Health Services	9,254,178	9,667,631	9,667,631	9,024,732	6,387,597	(3,280,034)
Agro-Consumer Services	4,065,445	3,667,950	3,667,950	3,693,264	3,670,199	2,249
Forestry	17,817,683	16,446,787	16,446,787	16,821,735	14,045,212	(2,401,575)
Soil and Water Conservation	2,516,635	2,728,805	3,728,805	4,297,144	4,184,610	455,805
Auxiliary Account	2,168,664	4,664,491	4,664,491	4,664,491	4,664,491	0
TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND REQUEST	\$80,165,846	\$107,525,674	\$110,871,574	\$108,791,999	\$98,770,991	(\$12,100,583)
AUTHORIZED FULL-TIME EQUIVALENTS: Classified	781	776	779	779	714	(65)
Unclassified	46	51	51	51	51	0
TOTAL	827	827	830	830	765	(65)